

LADIES HAVE YOU HEARD?



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FURNITURE FORECAST FOR 1974

For years furniture designers and factories have produced a great number of "new" items each year. Each showroom tried to outdo the others in what they presented and how it was done. Many complete lines of furniture were presented with hundreds of fabrics and finishes available for each line.

But with the shortage of hard wood, metal, fabric, screws, nuts and bolts, plastic resin, glass and glue this year, a limited line of new items was presented. Most companies are showing pieces added to existing lines rather than new lines.

For example, if a manufacturer had a dining room collection he has rounded it out with stacking tables or serving pieces

instead of offering an entirely new design collection. And oak, one of the few woods manufacturers seem able to find in ready supply, is used extensively.

The new flammability regulations and plastic disposal problems also affect the furniture industry. And dollar devaluation and poor import deliveries add to increase in costs and decreases in selection.

Although limited in numbers, the new designs have established a look slightly different from furniture available before. Most influences from our past and from foreign countries are easy to identify.

In general, all furniture lines are softer, more flowing and graceful. Heavy, Mediterranean pieces are slowly disappearing. Fewer

legs are used—more platforms and one piece molded frames are part of the new look. More metals, yellow in color are combined with colored plastics and woods. Smoke-toned plexi-glass table tops, instead of clear glass, are now available for tables of all sizes and shapes. The Butcher Block look is popular for bars, tables of all kinds and pull-up seating pieces.

HOW TO KEEP YARNS FOR CRAFTS ORGANIZED

Keeping yarns properly organized is a problem for most needleworkers. Many people have developed systems which work for them. The following ideas come from a well-known needlecraft artist which you may find useful.

Gripper tape, used for slipcovers, forms ideal "pockets" for yarn. Put yarns in place, fasten the snaps and the yarns will be easy to see, tangle free, and easy to pull out as you need them. For rug yarns, use heavy duty snap tape.

Or use a discarded paper towel tube or a small mailing tube with the ends removed. Tie or knot wools lightly over the tube. To use, draw threads from the top.

You can also use a cord or cut wire coat hanger so yarn

holder can be hung for storage or while in use. Place a smooth broom stick, curtain roller or large dowel in a bracket on a wall. This is the method used in shops where Persian yarns are displayed and sold.

Pomona Grange

Lancaster Co. Pomona Grange No. 71 will hold their regular spring meeting April 20, 8 p.m. at Fulton Grange Hall, Oakryn. Pomona Master Jesse Wood will preside at the business session.

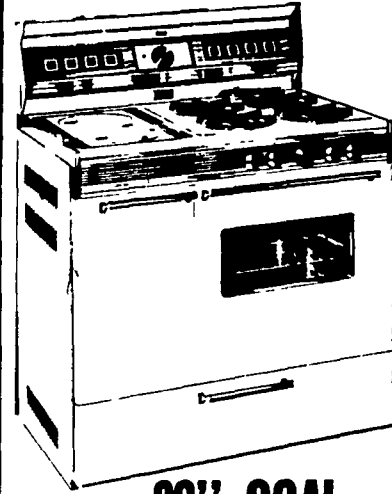
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Balmer, Lititz RD4, will show slides and tell about a People to People agricultural tour they were on. Their trip included stops in Alaska, Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, Thailand, Hong Kong and Hawaii. These tours were started by President Eisenhower and give tourists an inside view of agriculture in the countries visited.

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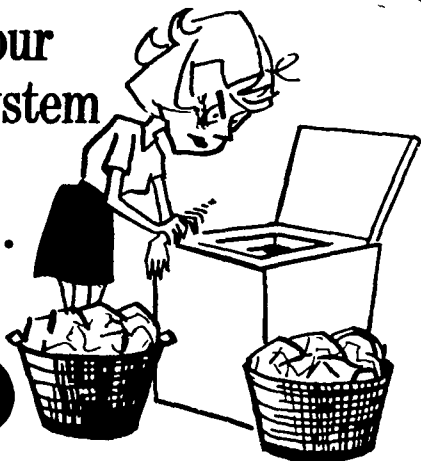
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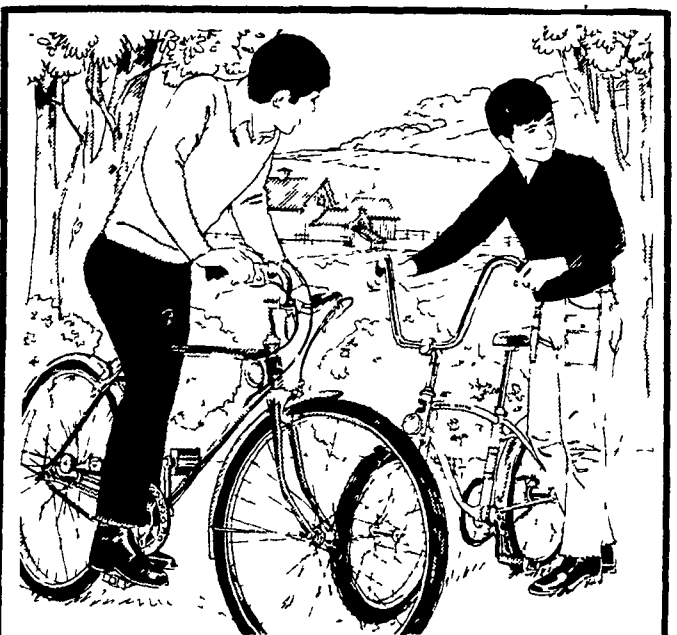
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